

AMENDMENTS

Unmarked Version

In the claims:

Presented below are the claims, as amended, with changes entered and marked. For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are presented herein. Those claims that remain unchanged by this amendment are prefixed with "(Unchanged)". Please cancel claims 1-5 and 49-52 without prejudice. Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Unchanged) A method for selecting the user-specified sources of at least two shows capable of being received and displayed by an entertainment system, comprising:
 - receiving a first user-specified show selection;
 - displaying a first plurality of sources available for providing the first user-specified show selection;
 - receiving a first user-specified source selection from the first plurality of sources;
 - displaying the first user-specified show selection provided by the first user-specified source selection on a first portion of a display screen;
 - receiving a second user-specified show selection;
 - displaying a second plurality of sources available for providing the second user-specified show selection;
 - receiving a second user-specified source selection from the second plurality of sources; and

concurrently displaying the second user-specified show selection provided by the second user-specified source selection on a second portion of the display screen.

7. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 6, wherein the first user-specified source selection transmits broadcast signals using a first coding technique.
8. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 7, wherein the second user-specified source selection transmits broadcast signals using a second coding technique that is different from the first coding technique.
9. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 8, wherein the first and second coding techniques are selected from a group comprising amplitude modulation, frequency modulation and phase modulation.
10. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 6, wherein the first plurality of sources comprises a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station.
11. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 7, wherein the second plurality of sources comprises a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station, and said second user-specified source selection is different from said first user-specified source selection.

12. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 6, further comprising:
loading programming data associated with the first user-specified show selection
into a memory of the entertainment system; and
loading programming data associated with the second user-specified show
selection into the memory of the entertainment system.
13. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 12, further comprising:
prompting selection of the first user-specified source selection and the second
user-specified source selection by executing software by a central
processing unit, implemented within the entertainment system, to produce
a screen menu; and
receiving a first option grid selection to load the corresponding programming data
into the memory and receiving a second option grid selection to load the
corresponding programming data into the memory.
14. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 7, further comprising recording of one of said
first and said second user-specified show selections.
15. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 14, further comprising recording of the other
one of said first and said second user-specified show selections.
16. (Unchanged) An entertainment system comprising;
a display monitor; and

a broadcast receiver coupled to the display monitor, the broadcast receiver

including

a first front-end unit capable of receiving programming data to be viewed

on the display monitor, the programming data associated with a

first user-specified show selection provided by a first user-

specified source selection from a first plurality of sources

displayed for providing the first user-specified show selection;

a second front-end unit capable of receiving programming data to be

viewed on the display monitor, the programming data associated

with a second user-specified show selection provided by a second

user-specified source selection from a second plurality of sources

displayed for providing the second user-specified show selection;

a plurality of memory elements, and a central processing unit coupled to

the plurality of memory elements, the central processing unit

executing software to assist the broadcast receiver in loading

programming data associated with one of either the first user-

specified show selection or the second user-specified show

selection into one of the plurality of memory elements along with

information to display said first user-specified show selection on

the display monitor upon receiving a first show selection signal,

and to display said second user-specified show selection on the

display monitor upon receiving a second show selection signal, the

first and second user-specified show selections being displayed continuously.

17. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the display monitor includes a television receiver.
18. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver includes an integrated receiver decoder.
19. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the central processing unit of the broadcast receiver executes software to provide a screen menu, wherein a selection of a first option grid of the screen menu signals the central processing unit to load a first programming data into the one on the plurality of memory elements indicating that the first user-specified show selection is to be displayed.
20. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 19, wherein a selection of a second option grid signals the central processing unit to load a second programming data into the one of the plurality of memory elements indicating that the second user-specified show selection is to be displayed.
21. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the first user-specified source selection transmits broadcast signals using a first coding technique.

22. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 21, wherein the second user-specified source selection transmits broadcast signals using a second coding technique that is different from the first coding technique.
23. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 22, wherein the first and second coding techniques are from a group comprising amplitude modulation, frequency modulation and phase modulation.
24. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the first plurality of sources comprises a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station.
25. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 24, wherein the second plurality of sources comprises a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station, and said second user-specified source selection is different from said first user-specified source selection.
26. (Four Times Amended) An entertainment system comprising:
a display monitor; and
a broadcast receiver coupled to the display monitor, the broadcast receiver
including
a first front-end unit capable of receiving programming data to be viewed on the
display monitor, the programming data associated with a first user-

specified show selection provided by a first user-specified source selection from a first plurality of sources capable of providing the first user-specified show selection;

a second front-end unit capable of receiving programming data to be viewed on a display monitor, the programming data associated with a second user-selected show selection provided by a second user-specified source selection from a second plurality of sources displayed for providing the second user-specified show selection;

a plurality of memory elements, and

a central processing unit coupled to the plurality of memory elements, the central processing unit executing software to assist the broadcast receiver in loading programming data associated with one of either the first user-specified show selection or the second user-specified show selection into one of the plurality of memory elements along with information to concurrently display said first user-specified show selection and said second user-specified show selection on the display monitor.

27. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 26, wherein the display monitor includes a television receiver.
28. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 26, wherein the broadcast receiver includes an integrated receiver decoder.

29. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 26, wherein the central processing unit of the broadcast receiver executes software to provide a screen menu, wherein a selection of a first option grid of the screen menu signals the central processing unit to load a first programming data into the one of the plurality of memory elements indicating that the first user-specified show selection is to be displayed.
30. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 29, wherein a selection of a second option grid signals the central processing unit to load a second programming data into the one of the plurality of memory elements indicating that the second user-specified show selection is to be displayed.
31. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 26, wherein the first user-specified source selection transmits broadcast signals using a first coding technique.
32. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 31, wherein the second user-specified source selection transmits broadcasts signals using a second coding technique that is different from the first coding technique.
33. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 32, wherein the first and second coding techniques are from a group comprising amplitude modulation, frequency modulation and phase modulation.

34. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 26, wherein the first plurality of sources comprises a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station.
35. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 34, wherein the second plurality of sources comprises a satellite-based station, a cable-based station and a local station, and said second user-specified source selection is different from said first user-specified source selection.
36. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 26, wherein the central processing unit further executes software to record one of said first and said second user-specified show selections.
37. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 36, wherein the central processing unit further executes software to record the other one of said first and said second user-specified show selections.
38. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver concurrently directs the first user-specified show selection to the display monitor to be viewed and to a recording device to be recorded.

39. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver concurrently directs the first user-specified show selection to the display monitor to be viewed and to a recording device to be recorded.
40. (Unchanged) The entertainment system of Claim 16, wherein the broadcast receiver further includes a cryptographic engine to decrypt data signals in accordance with at least one cryptographic function.
41. (Amended) A method for selecting the sources of at least two selections capable of being received and displayed, recorded or displayed and recorded by an entertainment system comprising:
- receiving a user-specified selection;
- in response to receiving a user-specified selection, displaying a plurality of
- sources available for providing the user-specified selection;
- receiving a user-specified source selection from the first plurality of sources; and
- servicing the user-specified show selection provided by the user-specified source selection.
42. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 41 further comprising:
- receiving a user-specified servicing selection; and wherein servicing the user-specified selection is performed in accordance with the user-specified servicing selection.

43. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 42 wherein the user-specified servicing selection is one of either displaying, recording, or displaying and recording the user-specified selection.
44. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 41 wherein the user-specified selection is a show.
45. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 41 wherein the user-specified selection is a station.
46. (Unchanged) A method for selecting the sources of at least two selections capable of being received and displayed, recorded or displayed and recorded by an entertainment system comprising:
receiving a plurality of user-specified selections;
in response to receiving the plurality of user-specified selections, displaying a plurality of sources available for providing each of the plurality of user-specified selections;
receiving a user-specified source selection for each of the plurality of user-specified selections;
servicing each of the plurality of user-specified selections provided by its corresponding user-specified source selection.

47. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 46 further comprising:
receiving a user-specified servicing selection for each of the plurality of user-specified selections; and wherein servicing each of the plurality of user-specified selection selections is performed in accordance with its corresponding user-specified servicing selection.
48. (Unchanged) The method of Claim 47 wherein the user-specified servicing selection is one of either displaying, recording, or displaying and recording.